



## Fact Sheet

### Who Is CTF

- The Children's Trust Fund (CTF), established by the legislature in 1982, is the only *independent*, statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the *prevention* of child abuse and neglect in Michigan.
- Mission: "We serve as a voice for all children and families to promote their health, safety, and welfare by supporting and funding effective collaborative programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect."
- CTF operates under the leadership of a fifteen member Board of Directors, 10 of which are appointed by the Governor. The other Board members represent the state departments of Community Health, Education, State Police, and the Department of Human Services.
- Since 1982, CTF has provided over **\$80 million** to support prevention programs and services in communities across the state – positively touching the lives of over **8 million children and families**.
- **CTF does not receive a state appropriation.** It is funded by interest income from a restricted trust fund, direct donations, grants, earned income, the *Children's License Plate*, fundraising, and beginning in 2006 the newly implemented income tax check-off.

### The Problem

- More than 350 possible cases of child abuse and neglect are reported each day in Michigan -- statistics indicate many more go unreported.
- Between 1993 & 2000 there has been an increase in Michigan of 37.7% in substantiated abuse and neglect cases. (1993 – 19,522 2000 – 26,886)
- In 2001, 64 % of the children abused in Michigan were under the age of 10.
- Every 60 minutes, 3 children are abused in Michigan.
- 1 out of every 5 children will be abused or neglected by the time he or she turns 18.
- Children under two years of age are more likely to die from abuse than from car accidents, drowning, or fires.
- 87 percent of the time a Michigan child is abused or neglected by a parent.

## **How CTF Works to Solve the Problem**

- CTF funds 71 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils, serving 81 out of 83 counties.
  - Local councils are independent, community-based organizations that identify needs and facilitate collaborative prevention programs for children and families in their community.
- CTF also funds over 35 community-based, direct service programs across the state. Types of programs funded include:
  - Childhood Development Programs
  - Respite care
  - Home Visiting Programs
  - Parenting Education & Support Groups
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  - Referral Services
- Implementing two statewide public awareness campaigns: “Never Shake A Baby” and “In Michigan We Love Our Kids.”
- Developing the Wonder Years, a collaborative parenting magazine of the Children’s Trust Fund, Wayne RESA, and the Partnership for Learning, that is disseminated statewide to families and caregivers of children ages 0-5.
- Implementing the Program Information Management Systems (PIMS), a computerized data collection, management, and reporting tool that enables programs to manage and report on the community programs and participant services they provide. The purpose of PIMS is to standardize the data collection procedures to build a state data set for the purpose of state level research and evaluation.
- Spearheading the *Consortium for Applied Research on Child Abuse and Neglect* (ARCAN), a partnership of diverse constituencies including academia, the field, advocates, funders, and state agencies. The goal of ARCAN is to provide useful information to inform and to improve efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect in Michigan.
- Providing training, technical assistance and support to our statewide prevention network.